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FOR MAY 17 MEETING

REF: (A) STATE 79222; (B) STATE 79305

1. INITIAL SPANISH REACTION TO PROPOSED AGENDA (REF A) IS
GENERALLY FAVORABLE.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY (PASTOR & BENAVIDES) OBJECTED ONLY TO ONE
PART OF THE ITEM ON THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS, POINTING OUT THAT,
SINCE THEY WILL HAVE MADE THEIR FINAL DECISIONS FOR ONLY A
PORTION OF AVAILABLE FUNDS BEFORE THE MAY MEETING, THEY WILL
NOT BE IN A POSITION TO AGREE AT THAT TIME TO A DOCUMENT
ALLOCATING FUNDS AMONG FIELDS OF ACTIVITIES (ENERGY, AGRICUL-
TURE, ETC.) THEY DO APPEAR AMENABLE TO A DOCUMENT SPELLING
OUT ALLOCATION OF FUNDS BY TYPE OF PROGRAM GRANTS (I.E.,
COOPERATIVE, DIRECT RESEARCH, INSTITUTIONAL, TRAVEL, AND
FELLOWSHIPS). WE WILL PRESS FOR EARLY PREPARATION OF A DRAFT
FOR DEPT'S CONSIDERATION. (FYI-FOREIGN MINISTRY REPS ARE
NOW TALKING IN TERMS OF 85 PERCENT COOPERATIVE, 12 1/2 PERCENT
ALL OTHER PROGRAMS, 2 1/2 PERCENT SECRETARIAT EXPENSES AND PD
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&M).

3. SPANISH SUGGESTED AS AGENDA ITEM THE INITIALING BY CO-CHAIR-
MEN OF JOINT COMMITTEE PROCEDURES AND PD & M PROCEDURES.
(RECOMMEND CONCURRENCE.)

4. EMBASSY ALSO SUGGESTS AS AGENDA ITEM THE TABLING FOR JOINT

COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET (BEING DRAFTED BY THE SPANISH SIDE) FOR \$30,000 SEED MONEY (REF B). (SPANISH CONCUR.)

5. EMBASSY OFFERS FOLLOWING FURTHER OBSERVATIONS ON AGENDA:

--THERE SEEMS LITTLE CHANCE THAT THE SPANISH CAN MEET AN APR 25 DEADLINE FOR PREPARATION OF PAPERS ON AGENDA ITEMS II AND III.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS THE SPANISH TO HAVE THESE PAPERS READY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

--SECRETARIAT ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES: RECENT MEETINGS APPEAR TO HAVE PRODUCED SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS TOWARD AN AGREEMENT ON SUCH AREAS AS LOCATION OF SECRETARIAT, AND JOINT USE OF PERSONNEL AND PROCEDURES WITH JOINT E & C COMMITTEE.

--COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROGRAMS: WHILE INTER-MINISTERIAL RIVALRIES CAST A SHADOW HERE, CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS IS BEING MADE IN PREPARING PROPOSALS MENTIONED REF A (AGRICULTURE, ENERGY, AND WATER RESOURCES). OCEANOGRAPHY IS ALSO POSSIBLE. IN ALL FOUR CASES, US AGENCIES ARE NOW ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN DRAFTING PROPOSALS WITH THEIR SPANISH COUNTERPARTS. WE HOPE DEPT CAN HELP ASSURE EXPEDITIOUS US AGENCY APPROVAL OF PROGRAMS. STABLER

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